

REMARKS

I. PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Minor modifications have been made to the specification. No claims have been amended, added or canceled. Claims 1-27 remain in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

The statements concerning priority on page 3 of the Office Action is respectfully traversed. Applicant will more thoroughly address the priority issue should it actually arise during prosecution in, for example, the context of a cited reference.

II. ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

In response to the Election of Species Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121, applicant provisionally elects Species 7 (Figure 14) without traverse. Applicant respectfully submits that, at a minimum, claims 1-5 and 8 are directed to the elected species. The Office Action indicated that claims 1, 3 and 4 are generic.

III. CLOSING REMARKS

Early and favorable consideration of the elected invention are respectfully requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is courteously solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' undersigned representative at (310) 563-1458 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0638. Should such

fees be associated with an extension of time, applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

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